User Interfaces

Academic Year: (2019/2020)

Department assigned to the subject: Computer Science and Engineering Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 3 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Programming, Principles of Informatics Engineering, Automata and Formal Language Theory

OBJECTIVES

- ¿ General competencies
- o Capability to analyze and synthesize (PO b)
- o Capability to organize and plan (PO d)
- o Problem solving (PO c)
- o Teamwork (PO d)
- o Capacity to apply theoretical concepts (PO c)
- ¿ Specific competences
- o Cognitive (PO a)
- ¿ Knowledge of user interface elements
- ¿ Knowledge of principles, guidelines and standards for the development of useful and usable
- user interfaces
 - ¿ Techniques for developing web interfaces
 - ¿ Knowledge of user-centered design methods
 - o Procedural/Instrumental (PO a, c, e, k)
 - ¿ Developing an useful and usable user interface
 - ¿ Designing an useful and usable web user interface
 - o Attitudinal (PO c, d, f)
 - ¿ Creativity
 - ¿ Quality concerns
 - ¿ Achievement motivation
 - ¿ Interesting for doing research and figuring out solutions to new problems

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Human-computer interaction; usability: principles, guidelines and standards for the development of user-interfaces; web interfaces.

PROGRAMME:

- 1. Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction
 - a. Definition, utility, relation with User Interface Design
 - b. History of HCI
 - c. Examples from everyday life
- 2. User interface design
 - a. Definition and utility
 - b. User-centered Design
 - i. Usability
 - ii. Principles, Guidelines, heuristics and Patterns
 - iii. Design Methodology
 - iv. Prototype
 - c. Universal Design
- 3. Web user Interface Design

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- a. Definition, History and Evolution of WWW
- b. Structure and navigation of a web site
- c. Web design principles, heuristics and patterns
- 4. Interaction design with user interfaces
 - a. User eXperience (UX)
 - b. Interaction design with website
 - c. Predictive models
 - i. Fitt Law
 - ii. Sterring Law
 - d. Descriptive models
 - i. KLM
 - ii. GOMS

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- e. Explanatory models
- f. Inspection methods
- g. Interaction Paradigms
- i. Large Scale Computing
- ii. Personal Computing
- iii. Mobile Computing
- iv. Ubiquitous Computing
- v. Network Computing
- vi. Reality Computing: Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality

Annex. Technologies for developing web user interface

- Web sites (HTML 5 and CSS 3)
- Client-side scripting (JavaScript)
- Design methodology (Prototype and Implementation)

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- ¿ Theoretical lectures: 2 ECTS (PO a)
 - Purpose: to achieve the specific cognitive competencies of the course.
- Implementation: lectures in which theoretical concepts on user interfaces are exposed.
- ¿ Practical lectures: 1.0 ECTS (PO a, c, e, k)
- Purpose: to achieve the specific instrumental competences and develop attitudinal competences.
- Implementation: labs in which technical issues related to the development of user interfaces are exposed.
- ¿ Practical case: 1.75 ECTS (PO a, c, d, e, k)
 - Purpose: to develop both instrumental and attitudinal competencies.
- Implementation: designing and implementing a practical case within a work group.
- ¿ Programming exercises: 0.75 ECTS (PO a, c, e, k)
- Purpose: to deepen the knowledge of specific topics of the course.
- Implementation: Students resolver programming exercises of web user interfaces.
- ¿ Final examination: 0.5 ECTS (PO a, c)
- Purpose: to complete the development of specific cognitive and procedural capabilities.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

% end-of-term-examination/test: 4 % of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 6

The evaluation system includes the assessment of guided academic activities and practical cases, with the following weights:

Practical case: 40% (PO a, c, d, e, k)

Students must submit two different exercises. The first one about prototyping represents a ten per cent (10%) of the final grade. The second one about implementing and documentation represents a thirty per cent (30%) of the final grade.

Programming exercises: 20% (PO c, f, k)

Students must submit two different exercises, each one of them represents a ten per cent (10%) of the final grade. Examination: 40% (PO a, c)

Final examination is mandatory and final mark must be higher than 5 of 10.

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